

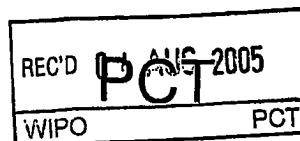
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### 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

### 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

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1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
  - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:
    - ☐ a sequence listing
    - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:
    - ☐ in written format
    - ☐ in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing:
    - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
    - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
    - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43b/s.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	3-5,8-11
	No: Claims	1,2,6,7
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	3-5,8-11
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	

**2. Citations and explanations**

**see separate sheet**

**Re Item V.**

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : EP 0 445 851 A

D2 : US 3 915 266 A

D3 : US 5 471 361 A

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

- 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.  
Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

An aircraft wheel assembly including an axle housing means (30) for sensing wheel speed, one end of the axle being covered by a cap member (60), the cap member (60) comprising a generally cup-like body having an end wall (76) towards the free end of the axle, the cap (60) including means for driving the wheel speed sensing means (30), the side wall of the body having at least one stiffening deformation (see fig. 4-10, column 3, line 26-column 5, line 34).

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 11

- 3.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject matter of claim 11 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3)PCT.

- 3.1.1 Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art to the subject matter of claim 11, discloses a hubcap for an aircraft wheel assembly with all the features of claim 11, except for the tyre pressure sensing means. However, document D3 shows an aircraft wheel with a tyre pressure indicating

system (TPIS)(see figs., column 1, line 8-column 3, line 57).

Therefore the features disclosed in D1 and D3 would be combined by the skilled person, without exercise of any inventive skills in order to solve the problem posed. The proposed solution in independent claim 11 thus cannot be considered inventive (Article 33(3) PCT).

**4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-10**

- 4.1 The additional features of dependent claims 2, 6 and 7 are already known from D1. The additional features of dependent claims 3-5, 8-10 would merely seem to concern slight constructional changes, which come within the scope of the customary practice followed by persons skilled in the art. Therefore, dependent claims 2-10 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).
- 5 The features of the claims should be provided with reference signs placed in parentheses to increase the intelligibility of the claims (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
- 6 A new, independent claim 1 should be formulated in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, with the preamble based on the disclosure of D1.
- 7 Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.